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IT IS PROBABLE THAT GROMYKO WILL PRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON CHARTER OF INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AUTHORITY FOR BERLIN. GROMYKO'S INTEREST IN THIS SUGGESTION MAY STEM FROM FACT THAT SOVIETS PROBABLY WOULD LIKE TO AVOID DANGER INHERENT IN EAST GERMAN CONTROL OF CHECK POINTS. I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST PUTTING PROPOSAL FORWARD WITHOUT BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN SUB-PARA 3 OF ARTICLE X. EVEN THIS WOULD I BELIEVE BE UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS AND I BELIEVE THEY WOULD INSIST THAT EAST GERMANS BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE CHECK POINTS UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE AUTHORITY AT BOTH ENDS OF HIGHWAY IN ORDER INSURE THAT THERE WAS NO UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY TO OR EXIT FROM EAST GERMANY. PROVISION MIGHT BE MADE THAT IN CASE OF DISPUTE THE AUTHORITY WOULD PREVAIL BUT APPEAL COULD BE MADE TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

I ALSO WONDER IF IT IS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC MENTION OF MILITARY FORCES SINCE THIS MEANS POSITIVE RECOGNITION BY SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS OF CONTINUATION OF OCCUPATION REGIME.

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